

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 19th Novemb, 1882.

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Respectfully yours
 L. C. Booth MTR

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Respectfully yours,
Jas. C. Booth
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